

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 22nd 2006

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## **Jamboree On The Air**

The 49th JOTA is taking place this weekend. Each year over 500,000 Scouts and Guides from all over the world participate in this event where Scouting experiences are shared and ideas exchanged thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. While the event lasts from midnight local time Friday night to midnight Sunday night, Stations participating can choose their own operating hours.

Scouting Ireland's stations in operation this weekend are

EI1SI - 2nd Kerry Sea Scouts operating from Fenit, EI3SI - operating from Scout Headquarters, Larch Hill, Dublin, EI4SI - 132nd Bayside Scouts Radio Group operating from the Martello Tower, Howth, EI5SI - operating from the Scout Centre in Mount Melleray, EI9SI - 66th Dublin operating from the Scout Den in Clontarf, EI4WSG - 4th Wicklow operating from the Scout Den in Wicklow, EI6BKB - 17th Dublin operating from the Scout Den in Dalkey and MN0AKU - 4th Tyrone operating from Bready, Strabane.

Further information including training material can be obtained from Sean EI3IP, Scouting Ireland National JOTA Organiser by emailing "jota at scouts dot ie".

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## **Patrick EI2FZ, Silent Key**

It is with regret that we announce the death of EI2FZ - Patrick "Paddy" Griffin from Duagh Camp, Tralee, Co. Kerry who passed away on Wednesday the 11th of October 2006.

Paddy was a long-time radio enthusiast, active until recently on 2m and HF. A wonderful ambassador for the hobby and a true gentleman, he will be missed by his family, friends and colleagues in Kerry.

May he rest in peace.

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## **AREN News**

The first National training net of the winter season was held on Wednesday night last

the 18th of October. Conditions on the 80-metre band were good and communication was established successfully between all stations. Thanks to those who participated. Details of the next Net on the 15th of November will be published in due course.

IARU Region 1 has invited HQ-stations of its member societies and stations of special emergency communication groups including AREN to participate in the First EmCom party on the Air. This will be held on the 18th of November. The operation will happen on the IARU emergency centre-of-activity frequencies on 40, 20 and 15 meters (+/-QRM). During the first party the centre frequencies on 80 and 17 meters will not be used.

The objective of the party is to 1) increase the common interest among member societies in emergency communication, 2) test how usable these frequencies are across the Region One and 3) create practices for international emergency communication between Region 1 member societies and special emergency communication groups. There are also some special stations invited to participate like 4U1ITU, TP2CE and ITU conference station from Turkey.

This is not a contest but an emergency communication exercise! AREN will be participating. Again more details will be published soon.

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## **Theory Examination**

The next Theory Examination for the experimenter's licence will be held on Thursday the 18th of January 2007 at 2 p.m. in the ComReg Offices, Irish Life Centre, Dublin. Anyone wishing to sit the examination should contact Seán Nolan EI7CD at QTHR or by e-mail to "ei7cd at gofree dot indigo dot ie". Those studying for the examination may wish to secure a copy of the CD Course Guide prepared by the Society. These are available from Seán EI7CD at a cost of 5 Euro to cover production costs, post, packaging and registration.

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## **Shannon Basin Radio Club Sprint Challenge**

The Shannon Basin Radio club is again running its annual one-day Open, Fixed, Challenge for EI residents. This challenge is open to all licensed operators and short wave listeners, and will be held on the 5th of November 2006 from 14:00 to 18:00 hours. The purpose of the challenge is to encourage radio operators and short wave listeners to be active on the H.F bands.

The challenge will have three modes of operation, and the winner in each mode will be awarded with the following; The Lough Allen Shield will be awarded to the

highest score in SSB. The Lough Ree Shield will be awarded to the highest score in CW (A1A) and the Lough Derg Shield will be awarded to the highest score for SWL. The above winners will also receive a personal trophy.

To receive a copy of the rules for the above challenge, please send a stamped address envelope to the contest manager EI6HW, Noel Mulvihill, Hillquarter, Coosan, Athlone, Co Westmeath or e-mail "nfmulvihill at eircom dot net".

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### **Theory Classes**

Theory classes for the Experimenters Radio Licence will be starting Shortly in Garbally Collage, Ballinasloe and interested parties should contact Noel EI6HW by e-mail at "nfmulvihill at eircom dot net".

There are now seventeen participants on the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group Theory Classes, which are now well underway. Unfortunately, due to space restrictions this class is now full and the group cannot take on any new candidates for this course.

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### **Waterford Rally**

The Waterford Rally took place last weekend in the Woodlands Hotel. The rally was well attended. The group would like to thank all the traders, the IRTS and especially everyone who came along on the day.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sundays bulletin.

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